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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

## Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing you today to ask for your support for LightSquared's plan to bring an innovative new wireless telecommunications network to Illinois.

Over the past decade, LightSquared has helped first responders complete their missions by providing us with innovative and reliable mobile satellite communications during emergencies. LightSquared's plans to adding a new -4G-LTE service to their satellite network – in addition to serving businesses and households -- will give emergency personnel an unprecedented level of affordable and reliable communications, allowing us to be more effective and safe at times when natural disasters wipe out other telecom capabilities.

In addition to accelerating communications capabilities with a 4G network, LightSquared has at its disposal a newly launched next-generation satellite that provides ubiquitous broadband coverage over the entire country. It is this combination of a comprehensive terrestrial network and powerful satellite that will provide seamless backup, allowing us to continue to communicate with our fellow emergency responders whether they are on scene or assisting from afar. The company's commitment to our mission is long-standing and proven: during Hurricane Katrina, for example, FEMA was able to maintain communications with local first responders on the Gulf Coast thanks to LightSquared.

We cannot pass up this opportunity to enhance our ability to protect life and property. That is why I am asking you to work on behalf of first responders to ensure that we have the proper tools to reach those in need – and to support LightSquared's plans to roll out national wireless service.

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